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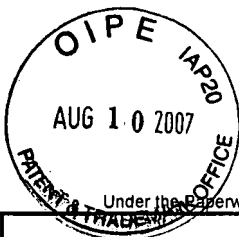
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							
<b>Fee Description</b>						<b>Small Entity Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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Serial No.: 10/622,026

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Examiner: C. Tate

Group Art Unit: 1655

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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in an Ukrainian Provisional Conclusion on Patentability mailed on June 25, 2007, directed to a counterpart international or foreign application and have not been previously cited. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) follows:

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	3.	Gross Medical Encyclopedia, Moscow (1982) 19:354-355	
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